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Dear Dr. DeHaven

I am in receipt of information from People For the Ethical Treatment of Animals concerning the 'forced molting' of chickens on U.S. poultry farms. I understand that this practice is used to force the hens to lay one more round of eggs before they are sent for slaughter. I won't go into the gory details of how this affects the chickens, since other writers have probably already done so. As you know, chickens have a tough enough existence as it is. Surely, this is one practice that, if stopped, will help make their lives just a little less so. I support the petition to have this practice outlawed. Please do so at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely Yours



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